

Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel Claims 2, 6-9, 11 and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1, 3, 10 and 12 to read as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) An inkjet printing apparatus which includes a printhead that discharges ink and an ink tank detachably attached to the printhead, and executes printing by using the printhead that discharges the ink supplied from the ink tank, comprising:

detection means for detecting presence/absence of the ink tank;

cleaning means for cleaning the printhead; and

control means for inhibiting a cleaning operation by said cleaning means ~~on the basis of a detection result from said detection means~~ when a detection result from said detection means indicates that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead and the cleaning operation is intended to be executed.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~2~~ 1, wherein when the ink tank is not attached to the printhead, and a printing signal is received, said control means also inhibits a printing operation by ~~said~~ the printhead.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising output means for, when a cleaning request signal or a printing signal is received in a state in which said detection means detects that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead, outputting information representing that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the ink tank comprises a plurality of ink tanks which store a plurality of types of ink, respectively and each of the plurality of ink tanks is detachably attached to the printhead.

Claims 6-9 (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling an inkjet printing apparatus which includes a printhead that discharges ink and an ink tank detachably attached to the printhead, and executes printing by using the printhead that discharges the ink supplied from the ink tank, comprising:

a detection step of detecting presence/absence of the ink tank; and

a control step of inhibiting a cleaning operation by a cleaning section that cleans the printhead[[,]] ~~on the basis of a detection result in the detection step~~ when a detection result from said detection step indicates that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead and the cleaning operation is intended to be executed.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A program which implements control of an inkjet printing apparatus which includes a printhead that discharges ink and an ink tank detachably attached to the printhead, and executes printing by using the printhead that discharges the ink supplied from the ink tank, comprising:

a program code for a detection step of detecting presence/absence of the ink tank; and

a program code for a control step of inhibiting a cleaning operation by a cleaning section that cleans the printhead[[,]] ~~on the basis of a detection result in the detection step~~ when a detection result from said detection step indicates that the ink tank is not attached to the printhead and the cleaning operation is intended to be executed.

Claim 13 (Canceled).